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Attorney Docket No.	782-A04-026
First Inventor	P. Bonutti
Title	METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SECURING BODY TISSUE
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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

- Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
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  - Brief Summary of the Invention
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## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of  
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11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)
12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS  
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of prior application No. and 10/458,117

Prior application information:

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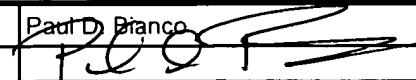
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1053 130	1053 130	130	Non-English specification	
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1451 1,510	1451 1,510	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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